

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. There is added to chapter 77.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Before granting a trapping license to any person who is purchasing a license for the first time or who is under eighteen years of age the commission shall require that the person either present a certificate showing that the holder has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in safe, humane, and proper trapping techniques or pass an examination given by the commission to establish that the applicant has the requisite knowledge concerning humane, safe, and proper trapping techniques.

The commission shall establish a program to properly train persons in safe, humane, and proper trapping techniques including the use of trapping devices designed to painlessly capture or instantly kill. For this purpose the commission shall cooperate with national and state animal, humane, firearm safety, and trapping organizations in the development of a curriculum. Upon successful completion of the course every trainee shall be furnished a trapper's training certificate signed by the authorized instructor which shall satisfy the certification requirement of this section for obtaining a trapping license.

Passed the House February 9, 1977.

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## CHAPTER 44

[Substitute House Bill No. 277]

### GAME AND GAME FISH—PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES—BEAR, COUGAR

AN ACT Relating to game and game fish; amending section 77.16.020, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 and RCW 77.16.020; amending section 77.16.030, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 and RCW 77.16.030; and prescribing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 77.16.020, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 and RCW 77.16.020 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, or fish for any game birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals or game fish during the respective closed seasons therefor. It shall also be unlawful for any person to kill, take, or catch any species of game birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, or game fish in excess of the number fixed as the bag limit. It shall also be unlawful for any person to hunt or trap for any game birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals within the boundaries of any game reserve or closed area, and it shall likewise be unlawful for any person to fish for any game fish within any closed waters or within the boundaries of any game fish reserve.

Any person who hunts or traps any elk, moose, antelope, mountain goat, mountain sheep, caribou, bear, cougar, or deer in violation of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars and not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in

the county jail for not less than thirty days and not more than one year or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Any person who hunts or traps any game bird in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten days and not more than thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. Section 77.16.030, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 and RCW 77.16.030 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession or under his control any game bird, nongame bird, game animal, fur-bearing animal, or game fish, or part thereof, during the closed season or in excess of the bag limit.

Any person who has in his possession or under his control any elk, moose, antelope, mountain goat, mountain sheep, caribou, bear, cougar, deer, or part thereof in violation of the foregoing portion of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars and not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days and not more than one year or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Any person who has in his possession or under his control any game bird or part thereof in violation of the foregoing portion of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten days and not more than thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

PROVIDED, That any person who has lawfully acquired possession of any game bird, game animal, or game fish, or part thereof, and who desires to retain it for human consumption or ornamental purposes, or desires to sell the skin, hide, horns, head, or plumage thereof, after the close of the season may do so in accordance with the rules and regulations of the commission.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the owner of any game bird, nongame bird, game animal, fur-bearing animal, or game fish, who has lawfully propagated it or purchased from one who has so propagated it, may possess, ship, sell or otherwise dispose of such bird, animal, or fish, when properly tagged or sealed.

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## CHAPTER 45

[House Bill No. 12]

### SCHOOL BUSES—WARNING LIGHTS

AN ACT Relating to bus warning lights; and amending section 46.37.290, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 6, chapter 100, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 46.37.290.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington: